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As a professional in the computer world, I'm ashamed that my government has 'sold-out' to Microsoft with the proposed settlement. I feel that the following article has a valid description of the ways in which the settlement fails to address Microsoft's monopolies:

<http://www.ccianet.org/papers/ms/sellout.php3>

As a user of many different computing platforms and operating systems, I see Microsoft as having a stranglehold on the consumer PC market, and using their operating system's monopolistic powers to prevent any other competing companies from gaining a foothold with applications that challenge applications produced by Microsoft. This includes browsers, email applications, etc. This situation is leading to a stagnation of the software market that can only be addressed by drastic action.

Hopefully public comments like this will lead the government to realize that this affects all users, not just those sending in comments under pressure from Microsoft and its major competitors, but EVERY person who has, does, or will use a personal computer.

Thank you,

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